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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This reply is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed November 25, 2009 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.